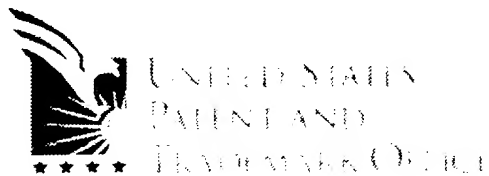


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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to Deny your refund request in the amount of \$130.00, for patent/serial number 09856718.

There was no fee of \$130 charged in January from the PCT department. The late dec. charge was made in May. The only other \$130 fee was a petition fee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rita White", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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